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1. The China Sea Trading Company, Ltd.,* (Tong Kok Hai Iar) is alleged to be purchasing arms from Western dealers, and merchants in Thailand for delivery to the Ho Chi Minh Government forces in Indochina.

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3. Ho Chi Minh supporters have a sincere desire to liberate their country from French domination. The Viet Minh was forced to seek Soviet assistance because the Western powers had refused its plea for help. The charge that the Ho Chi Minh Government is Communist is false. It is not ideologically Communist and has only accepted Communist assistance. The struggle for independence in Viet Nam is similar to the Indonesian struggle for freedom. The United States support of the French-controlled puppet Government in Indochina will only serve to increase the will to resist of the Viet Minh forces.

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